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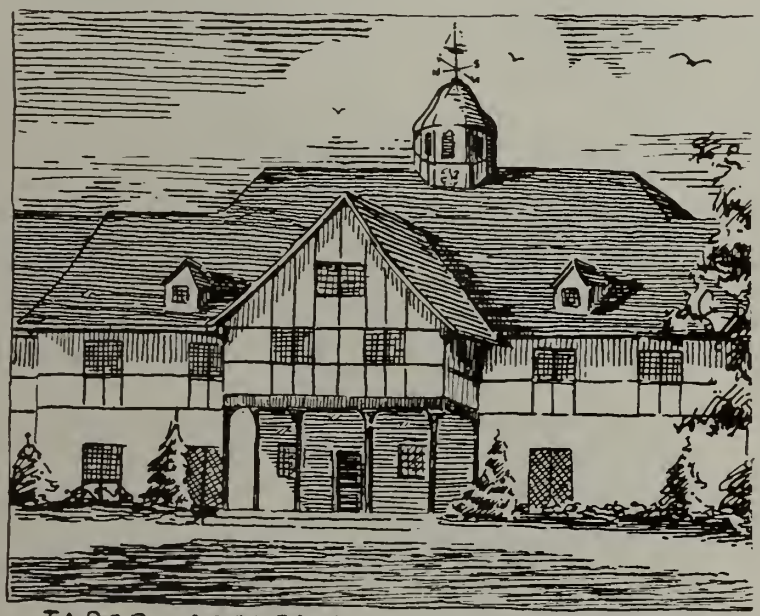

TABOR ACADEMY MARION,

Mattapoisett's past has been colorful and varied,as we have learned in looking back into the old records. There is many a chuckle and a lot of courage in the history of this town. The list of ships built here would fill the entire paper. The list of men who failed in the building of those ships is another very long list. Yet we find that they never gave up. We like this kind of character and we like what they built for us; Mattapoisett.

Continued History

The shipyard owners, of course, ran their whole shipbuilding business, but often they seem not to have taken direct charge of the construction of the vessels. This actual designing and building of the ship was superintended by a master carpenter, or master builder. There were many of these in Mattapoisett, but the best seem to have been the four Cannon brothers - Arvin, James, Watson, and David. There was a whole slew of Cannon shipcarpenters - all expert craftsmen - but these four sons of the shipbuilder, Eliakim Cannon were the finest of the lot.

They were all master builders for the various Mattapoisett yards, but Arvin was the real master craftsman. I suppose that Arvin Cannon of Mattapoisett, and Reuben Fish of Fairhaven were the finest ship designers and builders along this part of the coast; and certainly in the whaleship building industry no one ranked above them.

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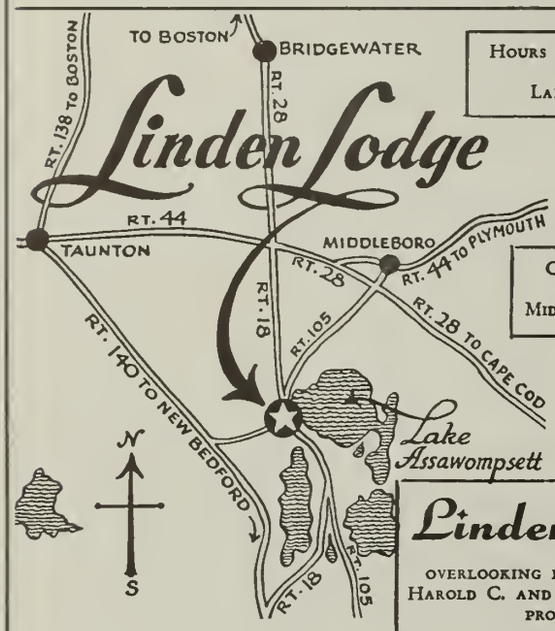

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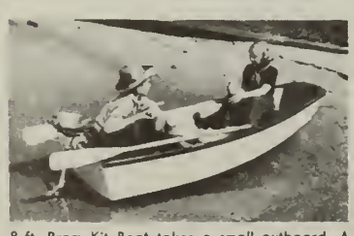

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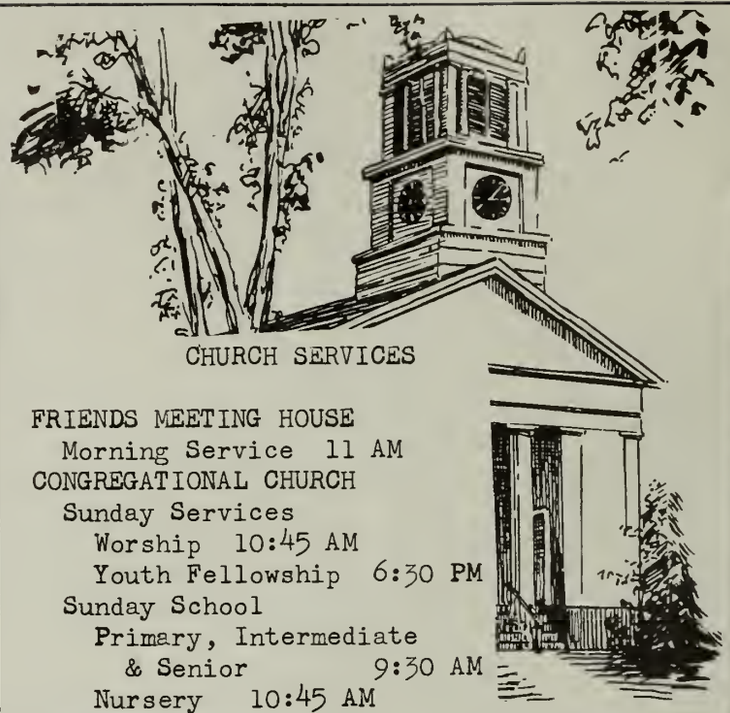

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CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

Miss Harriet Kremp celebrated her 10th birthday last Friday at the home of her parents on Park St. Her guests included Lois & Jean Lessard, Peter Lawrence, Mary Morse, Anna DeCosta, Arlene Zychowicz and David Sylvia.

Two young boys were in The Town Shop the other day discussing fishing gear. One chap who had never been in before was surprised that our prices were the same as those of a well known city sport store. He was doubly surprised when the other boy piped up "Yes, and Mr. Valladoa gives a 10% discount on top of that."

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Whenever a Mattapoisett shipbuilder got a contract to build a ship, he scurried after Arvin as fast as he could leg it. Arvin built for New Bedford and Fairhaven such well known whalers as the Belle, the Sylph, the Oliver Crocker, the Arctic, the Northern Light, the Siren Queen, the Eliza, the South Seaman, the Gay Head and the Wanderer.

David Cannon was the grandfather of Mr. John Shaw 2nd of New Bedford. During the Civil War he, along with others, went to the Charlestown Navy Yard to build ships for the Government. When an old man he had a shock while working around the mill at Dexter Elm. It is related that when someone rushed to his home on North St. and told his wife, she put her hands on her hips and exclaimed:

"David Cannon had a shock! Well! I've never known David Cannon to do a thing like that before."

The first seven years of the 1850's marked the peak of whaleship building in Mattapoisett Only three yards were in operation - Wilson Barstow, Holmes, and Meigs - but in eight years these three yards launched 47 vessels. These were the yards that carried Mattapoisett's reputation far and wide, and brought forth such comments as these in the New Bedford newspapers:

"This thriving town ranks high in shipbuilding and is distinguished for its naval architecture." (W. S. L. 6/20/51)

The Bark R. L. Barstow "is a perfect gem of shipbuilding." (Ibid.)

"The reputation of our Mattapoisett friends ....in naval architecture is justly very extensive..." (New Bedford Standard, 1855).

In two years, 1851 and 1852, eighteen vessels were launched, 14 of them whalers, and 12 going to New Bedford. In 1852 alone, Wilson

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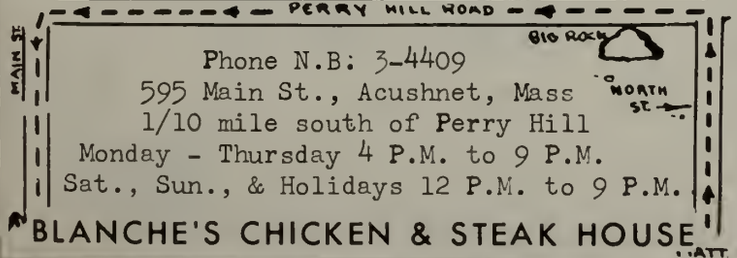

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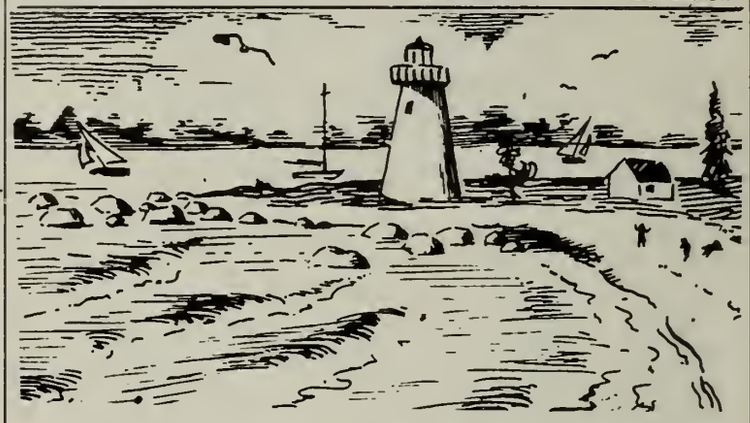

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28	4:39	5:04	10:30	10:52
29	5:38	6:00	11:29	11:47
30	6:35	6:54	12:26	12:41
31	7:31	7:47	1:22	1:34
June 1	8:25	8:40	2:16	2:28
2	9:18	----	3:09	3:20
3	9:32	10:10	4:01	4:13

ENTERTAINED GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lavin of Pawtucket, R. I. were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson DeGrand of North St. for one week.

CELEBRATED 10th ANNIVERSARY

The Fairhaven Girl's Club celebrated their 10th anniversary on Wednesday, May 10th at the Fairhaven Town Hall. Miss Elizabeth Hastings, Principal of the Tripp School and Supervisor of Instrumental Music in Fairhaven, was the honored guest. She was the founder of the Club which is under sponsorship of the Fairhaven Mother's Club. Special guests included past presidents of the club one of whom was Mrs. Lawrence C. Young of Church St., this town who was the first president.

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Barstow built five - all for New Bedford - which was such a record that the "Whaleman's Shipping List" commented on it. Perhaps some idea of this bustling business can be gleaned from a few items from New Bedford newspapers of the time:

"A beautiful clipper ship of about 400 tons was launched on the 29th ult. from the shipyard of Wilson Barstow in Mattapoisett. She is owned by J. B. Wood and Co. of this city, and is called the Gay Head." (W. S. L. 8/3/52)

"A fine medium clipper ship of about 475 tons was launched on Tuesday last by Josiah Holmes, Jr. & Brother, at Mattapoisett. She is called the Polar Star..." (W. S. L. 8/24/52)

"The new bark John A. Parker was towed around from Mattapoisett on Friday... Her bow is ornamented with a good representation of her namesake, at full length, standing in his well known peculiar attitude, with the right hand upon the lapel of his coat, and the left hand extended in the act of speaking." (W. S. L. 10/5/52)

"July 2, 1856;

The Bark Huntress, belonging to Messrs. Cook & Snow of this city, and the ship South Seaman, belonging to Edmund Allen, Esq. of Fairhaven, will be launched from the shipyards of W. Barstow and Loring Meigs in Mattapoisett this evening. An excursion train will be run over the Fairhaven railroad, leaving Fairhaven at six and a quarter o'clock, in order to afford all who may desire an opportunity to witness the launches." (New Bedford Standard, 7/2/56)

But the death knell of this splendid business had already sounded. 1856 was the last big year - nine whalers, three in a row loom-

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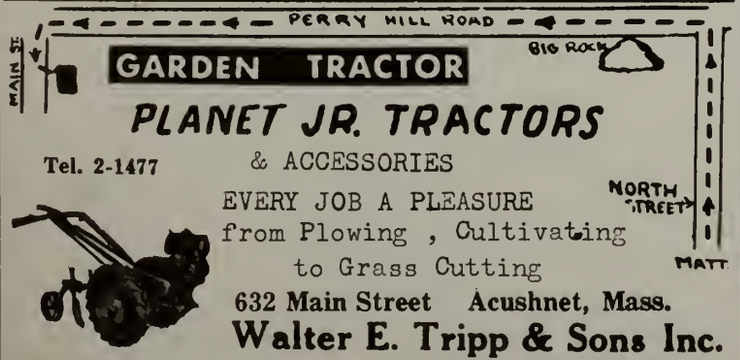

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They suggest that 24 hour police cruiser protection be provided, permit volunteers from the auxiliary police to patrol at random and particularly on dark nights when breaks are more likely to occur and to take any other action that the selectmen and the chief of police could recommend to stop and discourage further burglaries.

The winner of this week's Presto surprise gift is Mrs. Nelson DeGrand, North St. Mrs. DeGrand may pick up her gift at Marion Garage, Route 6, Marion.

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ing up in Shipyard Park. The blows were coming; 1856 - petroleum discovered; 1857 - panic, and the Meigs yard closed forever; 1861 - the Civil War, and the Alabama and the Shenendoah; after the war, the scarcity of whales and the losses in Arctic ice. During the war the Holmes' built a small steamboat and a tugboat; in 1866 Wilson Barstow built his last ship, the Contest, for Gibbs & Perry of New Bedford. After the war the Holmes' built a schooner and four whalers - the Alaska for Jonathan Bourne, the Concordia for G. & M. Howland, the Gay Head 2nd for Gifford & Cummings, and in 1878 the Wanderer for the same firm.

This was the end. For the last time Arvin Cannon with his lips pursed over his toothless gums carefully drew out the vessel's hull in the loft over the Holmes Office. For the last time the hammering of the caulkers awakened echoes through the streets and across the farms into the woods. For the last time the shipcarpenters had their glass of grog at "eleven and four." And for the last time the townspeople gathered to see the graceful vessel start slowly, and then glide down the greased ways into the harbor of the shipbuilders.

It was the end of a Yankee seaport village where native born sons worked all their lives in a native industry. Where every house - and most of them are still here - was the home of a shipcarpenter, outfitter, or whaleman. Where the schools and churches and homes were built with money from the shipyards. And where practically every man was an expert craftsman of high integrity.

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Telephones have been installed for the 24 hour coverage for fire, police and Civil Defense calls, commencing Thursday, May 27th at the same time that the dial system becomes effective throughout Mattapoisett.

CAROL HANEY RECEIVES RAVE NOTICES

Miss Carol Haney has been rated by Variety's annual poll of New York critics as giving the best female supporting performance for her feature in "The Pajama Game", a new Broadway musical.

Miss Haney, a native of New Bedford, is the daughter of Mr. Norman Haney of New Bedford, who played for many years in the Mattapoisett Band, and the late Mrs. Ellen Haney.

She has been booked for Ed Sullivan's TV show, "Toast of the Town", seen here on Sunday evenings at 8 P. M. on Channel 7, Boston.

RETURNED FROM FLORIDA

Mrs. Frank Horneshaw has returned from eight years residence in Florida to make her home on Church St., where she has a new home under construction. Welcome back. We know that you will renew many acquaintances and make a host of new ones. No one ever leaves Mattapoisett for good, they always come back and you are proving our point in returning.

VISITING HERE FROM CLEVELAND

Mrs. Evelyn Maconackie of Cleveland, Ohio is visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boyd of Fairhaven Road.

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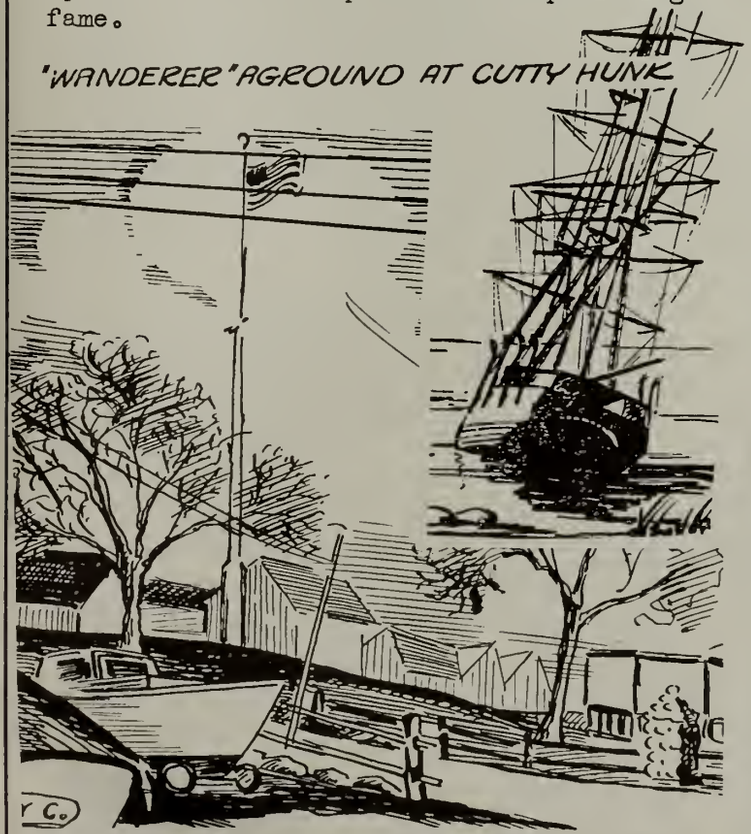
pole in Shipyard Park, a few feet from where she was built. And even more, it seems a proper coincidence that the Wanderer, the last vessel built in Mattapoisett should be the last whaleship to sail from New Bedford - New Bedford, whose whaling industry was responsible for Mattapoisett's shipbuilding fame.

"WANDERER" AGROUND AT CUTTY HUNK



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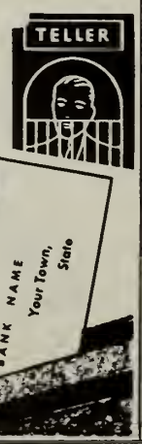

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Sport Highlights

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He turned on the heat immediately and passed horse after horse until only the front-running Straight Face remained. The big grey pounded into the lead only some thirty yards from the finish. He won by a neck, as usual, in 1:35½. This victory in the Metropolitan brought Native Dancers score to 20 wins out of 21 races, which is a Man of War record.

Red Sox Blues

A red hot Ted Williams returned to a cool, cool ball club in Detroit. In his return to the line up, after his broken collarbone had sidelined him, Ted rapped out eight hits in nine times at bat. (5 singles, 1 double and 2 home runs) In spite of this, Boston managed to lose both games of the doubleheader.

Parry O'Brien Switch Heaver

Shotputter Parry O'Brien who recently set a worlds record at his specialty, by putting the shot 60 feet 5½ inches, switched to the discus at the West Coast Relays. His toss of 184 ft. 1½ in. beat world record holder Fortune Gordien. Only Gordien and Sim Iness have ever tossed the discus farther.

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The Mattapoisett Congregational Church invites the following organizations to attend the Memorial Services on Sunday, May 30th at 10:45 AM: The American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the Grange, the Brownies, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts. Everyone is invited to attend.

BLOOD BANK

If there is anyone in town who did not give blood at our local blood bank last month, you will have an opportunity to do so on next Thursday at the Gas Company Hall from 10:15 AM to 4:15 PM. Anyone wishing an appointment or transportation, may call Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond, Town Red Cross Chairman.

COUNTRY DANCE TO BE HELD

A country dance will be held on Friday evening, May 28th at 8 PM. The place will be the Music Hall in Marion.

There will be square dancing, polkas, fox trots and waltzes. A good time is promised and the 75¢ admission fee is for the benefit of The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater New Bedford. Tickets will be available at the door.

This is the place to have fun, meet your friends and help a worthy cause all at the same time.

TOURED FLORIDA

Lenore Verdi of 85 College Ave., Somerville and Marie Powell of 318 Tower Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada are visiting Mr. & Mrs. Clarence G. Verdi of North St. They have just returned from an extensive tour of Florida with the Verdi's. They covered the entire state while there on a three week trip.

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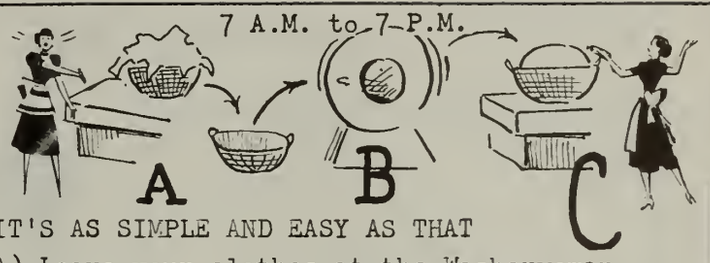

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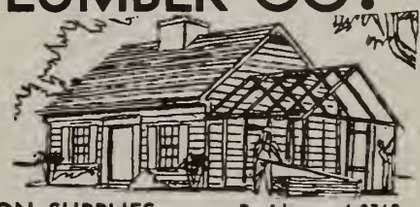
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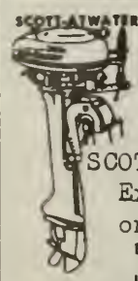

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Refreshments will be served with Mrs. Russell H. Sherman as hostess.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS

On Saturday, May 8th Susan Underwood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earle Underwood, Pine Island Rd., celebrated her 6th birthday with a family party in Worcester.

Wallace Underwood had a birthday celebration last weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Underwood.

On Sunday Mr. Lovett M. King of Pine Island Road had a joint party with Susan. Open house was held from 4:30 PM to 12. A violinist and pianist played for dancing.

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